Vigo Library mediamobile hits road for the summer

The Vigo County Public Library is taking its mediamobile show on the road with changes to the summer schedule.

Mediamobile librarian Betty Dodson said stops at Blackhawk and Fontanet have been added to the schedule for the first time. The two stops will be made from 10 to 11 a.m. on alternate Tuesdays.

Also added to the summer schedule are regular film presentations at Morton Lewis Court, McMillan Square, and at Lockport Housing and Margaret Avenue Housing developments. The regular film schedule at Hyte Center will be retained.

The Deming Center stop has been shifted from Tuesday to Wednesday but will retain its 1:15 to 2 p.m. time slot, Dodson said.

The mediamobile will continue to make regular Friday afternoon stops at Meadows Shopping Center, with service from 2 to 6 p.m. weekly.

With the exception of the Meadows stop, the mediamobile schedule operates on an alternate week basis.

The first-week schedule includes Burnett and CeMar Subdivision, Monday; Blackhawk, Greenwood Manor Apartments and Youngstown. Tuesday; Margaret Avenue Housing Development and Prairie Park, Wednesday; Seelyville and Riley, Thursday; and Meadows Center, Friday.

The second-week stops will be Prairie Creek and Prairie Village, Monday; Fontanet, Morton Lewis Court and McMillan Square, Tuesday; Deming Center, Lockport Housing Development and Hyte Center, Wednesday; Providence Hall, Maryvale Apartments, St. Mary's Village and New Goshen, Thursday; and Meadows Center, Friday.

Copies of the summer schedule are available at all librarys. To receive a copy by mail, call 232-6311, extension 297.

Vigo library seeking old yearbooks

If you have old high-school yearbooks gathering dust, you might consider giving them a happy and dust-free home at the Vigo County Public Library.

Library archivist Lois Harris is trying to piece together the history of Wabash Valley education and fill a big demand for high-school yearbooks — maybe for mere nostalgia and perhaps so committees planning class reunions can locate former classmates.

"The collection is growing, but there are still gaps," Harris said. "We especially need old yearbooks. Duplicates are welcome."

Thanks to cooperation from former Gerstmeyer High School Principal John Valle, the library recently acquired several missing

Gerstmeyer yearbooks and now has books from 1929 through 1933 and 1946 through 1952. A yearbook for 1941 is also a part of the special collections department

Former Garfield Principal James Conover has helped the library acquire a 1939 Garfield yearbook. The collection of that school's yearbooks from 1950 through 1961 is complete.

Wiley High School is presenting a more difficult acquisition problem, Harris said, but she has her eye on two good collections.

"The owners aren't quite ready to part with them," she said.

An especially valuable collection of old school directories was a recent gift of former teacher/administrator Norman Darrow. The amassing of

the collection was a hobby. It is a nearly complete record of almost 100 years of local education beginning with the 1879 directory and continuing through 1970.

The earlier directories also include the annual reports of the schools, making the collection especially valuable for research. The books include a listing of schools, teachers, curriculum and other aspects of the educational system, "a complete history," according to Harris.

Darrow also included a box of old pictures with his gift. One, a picture of the faculty at Wiley High School dating from the late 40s, has been made more valuable as a resource because Darrow was able to identify

each teacher pictured.

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Kids are invited to "Run for the Reads" at the Vigo County Public Library this summer. This year's theme for the Summer Reading Club includes a logo featuring a book bug marathon runner who appears on flyers, bookmarks and posters announcing the reading club and other summer programs.

The reading club begins at some branches Tuesday and will continue with other summer activities and events through the month of July. Interested children are advised to register as soon as possible at the library branch they most frequently

visit.

Summer activities have been announced at the Main Library and all

The Main Library offers story times for children age 3-7 from 10 to 10:30 and 11 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays and book talks for children 8-12 from 10 to 10:30a.m. Thursdays. Films for children of all ages are planned from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays.

Main will also host the annual Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program of games, stories, and puppetry from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday,

July 3, at Collett Park.

Summer hours set for Vigo Library

The Vigo County Public Library will close Sundays during the summer. Sunday hours will resume Sept. 9.

personality Slim Goodbody and will be shown at a site to be announced.

Plaza North Branch has announced summer craft sessions for children from kindergarten and older on Tuesdays and story times from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Pre-registration is requested.

Southland Branch Library has arranged an hour of crafts, films and special events for children age 8-12 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Southland's story time for children begins at 10 3-7 vears

Thursdays.

At West Terre Haute, story times are scheduled from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays during June and July. Special activities are set from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays. Included in the schedule are craft times June 26 and July 17; films, June 5 and 19 and July 10; and programs to be announced on June 12 and July 3 and 31.

Bookmarks with a schedule of summer activities are available at

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Tuesday, July 24, a special program on health and fitness will be presented by Main and all branch libraries from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. the libraries. The program features television DO NOT CIRCULATE REFERENCE

Computer work to begin soon

By Liz Ciancone Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

Electrical work in preparation for installation of computerized circulation equipment is expected to begin soon at the Vigo County Public Library. No firm date has been set for the installation of terminals at the main library and all branches.

According to a report received Monday by the Vigo County library board, there still has been no site selected for the Central Cluster headquarters. Librarian Betty Martin told the board the search has been narrowed to two Indianapolis sites with the final selection expected by mid-summer.

Martin also reported that the six Timex-Sinclair microcomputers donated to the library by the Wabash Valley Computer Society one year ago have been in continuous use since they were first placed in

rculation. Ts JUN 2 0 1984 The computers are available for circulation.

one-week loans. Because of demand, patrons have often had to reserve

several weeks in advance.

"The computers seem to be used for a variety of purposes, but most patrons are simply interested in learning how to operate a computer," Martin said.

The audiovisual circulation report also included an update on libraryownedvideo cassettes available for loan to use with home video players. The library owns a basic collection of 148 video cassettes which are loaned to adult library card holders for a 24-hour period.

A catalog listing current holdings is expected to be available to patrons

this summer.

In other business Monday, board member William Price was named chairman of the library's 1985 budget committee. He will be assisted by William Fenton and a third board member to be named.

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Energy system brings savings to local library

By Liz Ciancone Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

Do energy-saving measures really work? Yes, if the experience of the Vigo County Public Library is considered.

Library director Betty Martin gave board members a follow-up report at Monday's meeting on the dollars saved as a result of a \$132,000 modification to the library's heating and air-conditioning system.

The main library was first opened in late April 1979 and when an energy survey suggested the modification, board members caught a lot of flak for agreeing to spend \$132,000 on a virtually new building.

Thanks to the changes wrought as a result of the energy survey, the library is getting better control of temperatures and distribution. The cost has gone up, but so have rates.

"I can report that it works in terms of dollars saved," Martin said.

According to figures supplied by Public Service Indiana, the library

paid \$71,815.07 to heat and cool the building in 1981. For 1983, the tab was \$72,340.69. That's an increase of only \$425.62 in spite of two rate increases — one for 21 percent — in the interim, Martin said.

"For December [payable in January 1984] we were able to reduce the number of kilowatt hours used in spite of it being the coldest December on record," she said.

With the main library about to start its sixth year, several areas of maintenance are targeted for the spring and summer.

Outside grills are to be sandblasted and painted and the exterior wood surfaces will be repainted. The latter had been guaranteed for three years when first finished in 1977 when the new building was topped out.

Interior painting is being carried on as an in-house project of the maintenance department. The lower level has been completely repainted, Martin reported, and work will be scheduled to repaint the main level and the office level.

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Information's free just for the asking at Vigo libraries

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a series of weekly columns in "City edition" by Marsha Stewart of Terre Haute. In this column, "Getting by in the city," Stewart will give practical advice on being resourceful, something she has been as a single parent for the last 13 years. She'll write about goods and services that are either cheap or free.

"You can't get something for nothing," or so we've been led to believe.

Not true. There is a place where you can do just that. And a warm, friendly atmosphere and convenience are merely bonuses to the nearly 700,000 items loaned out each year from the active Vigo County Public Library system.

For absolutely no money at all a resident or employee in Vigo County can acquire a borrower's card, better known as the library card. College students and reciprocal borrowers, whose home libraries have signed the statewide agreement, are afforded the same privilege.

The main branch, Seventh and Walnut streets, houses some 240,000 books and offers public meeting rooms, audiovisual equipment and extensive reference resourses. Daily newspapers from coast to coast are available for leisure-time browsing. A variety of popular magazines are also plentiful, and they cover everything from kids to computers.

There is also a Special Collections Area that contains materials of local historical significance, and staffs a

Getting by in the city



Stewart, a single parent, advises readers on resourceful ways to get by, without a lot of money.

By Marsha Stewart Special to The Tribune-Star

genealogy librarian who will assist in tracing family histories.

All materials available can not be borrowed, of course. However, selfservice, coin-operated photocopy machines are available for public use.

Besides the printed material, the library also makes available for loan cassette players, records, films, filmstrips, games — and computers also can be provided.

Most materials may be borrowed for two weeks. Films and other equipment are generally loaned for a much shorter time.

To obtain a library card, proper identification is necessary. Persons under 18 may apply, but need a parent's signature. Library cards are issued for three years and may be used at any VCPL agency.

For information on the nearest branch or for the schedule of the traveling mediamobile call 232-1113 or check the white pages of the telephone book under Vigo County. Community Affairs The

Center gets new books

The Vigo County Public Library is helping draw up a list of books for use at the county juvenile center.

Better books are needed at the center, said grand jurors who toured

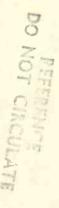
the site recently.

Library director Betty Martin read the grand jury's findings and busied her staff working on a list of books, games and puzzles suitable for use of young people at the center.

The full list would cost about \$1,000, and Vigo Circuit Judge Robert H. Brown said the purchase will be considered. The judge wasn't sure

how much money is available.

The proposed new library materials for the juvenile center would be a "core collection" that the library would continue to supplement with items from the main library's mediamobile.



Vigo library seeks wider use in wake of impressive gains

By Elizabeth Ciancone Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

In spite of an impressive increase in patron use of the Vigo County Public Library during 1983, a self-publicity campaign to encourage even greater use of materials and services is planned.

Library board members learned Monday that a library-use survey is in the works, and that staff members will take to television to promote

library services.

WBAK-TV's early morning talk show "Perceptions" will feature informational library programs each Friday from 6 to 6:30 a.m. The schedule for February includes an overview of group services, a look at special collections and community outreach, reference resources at South Branch Library and a look at Altrusa's tutoring program.

Already scheduled are "Behind the Scenes at Checkout," technical services, children's "Pajama Time" preview and non-print circulating materials

The library's Long Range Planning Committee announced that questionnaires are in preparation to survey both library service users and non-users in an effort to determine needs.

One of the largest areas of increased service has come with Vigo County's participation in Indiana's reciprocal borrowing program, library director Betty Martin said.

The program permits patrons with a card from a participating library to borrow materials from other libraries in the program. Martin reported a 51 percent increase in the number of loans made by all participating libraries last year. Vigo County contributed more than

its share to that increase with a 109 percent increase.

Last year the library began circulating cameras and Timex personal computers, bringing to 19 the types of equipment available on loan to library patrons. A total of 721,693 items — books magazines, films, records, equipment and other materials — were circulated

Among other areas showing in-

creased use during 1983:

• Film audiences jumped 44 percent to a total of 250,174 viewers.

 Reference questions answered showed an 8 percent increase.

· Library publications and pro-

grams were up 28 percent.

• Use of library meeting rooms remained relatively constant, largely because they are used to near capacity, Martin said. The rooms are available six days each week and average 8½ meetings or programs each day.



Honored

Genevieve Reisner, Ann Silliman, Betty Martin and Lillian Laybold were honored during the 30th anniversary celebration of the Staff Association of the Vigo County Public Library.

Library groups celebrates 30th

Some 50 members of the Vigo County Public Library Staff Association met recently to celebrate the organization's 30th anniversary during a special program, "Those Wonderful Years: 1954-1984."

A slide presentation focusing on state and local events which influenced the growth of the association was featured. It was presented by Pam Etling and Jane Margason.

Group services librarian and former S.A. president Genevieve

Reisner presented two pictures which will be displayed in the staff lounge in the main library. The pictures are packing labels framed in cypress wood and covered with glass from the former Davis Gardens Greenhouse.

In recognition of the annniversary, the Staff Association purchased 8,000 library card holders which will be distributed free at main and branch library circulation desks.

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WTH's Brown gets library board spot

James A. Brown, 36, Route 11, West Terre Haute, has been appointed to the board of trustees of

the Vigo County Public Library.

Brown's appointment, made by the Vigo County Council, is effective July 1.

A native of Vigo County, Brown is a



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graduate of West Vigo High School and received an associate degree in architectural engineering.

Brown is currently employed as a vice president with Earl Rodgers and Associates. He is president of the Contractors Association of Terre Haute and president of the West Vigo Merchants Association.

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Vigo library board approves \$2.3 million budget for 1985

Library board members mee Committently Affairs File at a public hearing Monday approved a budget of \$2.3 million to run the Vigo County Public Library in 1985. Formal adoption of the budget is set for 7 p m. Monday in the main library.

The public hearing also served to approve an additional appropriation of \$22,445. The money, Vigo County's share of the state library grant money, will be earmarked for

library materials - books, magazines, films and records according to library director Betty

In other business Monday, the board elected William Price as its new president. Other officers elected were Carolyn Henson, vice president, and Patricia Smith, secretary. Staff member Betty Jo Addison was re-elected treasurer.

The board also approved a five-year lease renewal for the library branch at Southland Shopping Center. The lease, two months in discussion, was initialed by both parties last week.

Writer's conference set for third graders

A Young Writer's Conference for all third-grade students in the Vigo County school system will feature renowned children's author, storyteller and lecturer Bill Martin

Martin will meet with 1,200 to 1,300 third graders in the Vigo County Public Library in November to encourage them in writing skills. Students also will meet with two consultants from a

publishing company.

Martin's scheduled appearance
was announced at Wednesday night's meeting of the Vigo County school board. He will receive \$750 per day, plus transportation, meals and lodging, for a total cost of \$4,000. The stipend is funded from \$3,000 in Chapter II funds and \$1,000 from the general fund.

In other business:

 The board approved to renew the yearly lease of space at Union Hospital for the Vocational Health Careers Program. The lease of

\$5,141.36 is payable in equal monthly payments. The credited program is for junior- and senior-high-school students interested in medical and hospital-related careers.

The board approved \$6,195,157.66 in claims, covering such expenses as repairs, supplies, retirement and Social Security

payments.

 The board approved a change order in a contract with Wabash Valley Asphalt Co. Inc., Terre Haute. The change order was for adding drivers' training lines to be painted on the parking lots at North Vigo and South Vigo high schools. The change order resulted in an additional expense of \$663.

• The board learned that a

\$47,935 grant has been approved for operating an adult basic-education program. The grant period runs July 1, 1984, to

June 30, 1985.

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Library board hears budget proposal

Election of new board officers and a public hearing on a proposed \$2.3 million budget will highlight a 7 p.m. Monday meeting of the library board in the Vigo County

Public Library, 1 Library Square.
The 1985 budget request represents an increase of nearly a quarter-of-a-million dollars more

than the 1984 budget.

The library is asking for \$1,961,498 to run the library next year and an additional \$389,088 to meet bond payments on the library building. A tax rate of .4509 cents is asked for the operating budget

and .07 cents for the bond and interest payments for a total rate of .5209 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The board also will be asked to approve a lease agreement with the owners of Southland Shopping Center for renewal of the South

Branch Library lease.

The board will be asked to grant permission to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$150,000. That money is needed to provide start-up funds for automated cluster network services which will link the library with other state and area libraries for added circulation services. The funds, if approved, will come from

the library improvement reserve

DWI arrests double in Illinois: Police

More than twice as many drunk driving arrests were made in Illinois in July this year than in the same month in 1983, Capt. Roger McIntire, Illinois State Police com-mander, Effingham district, said.

McIntire said officers patrolling the 10 counties that make up the Effingham District made 64 drunk driving arrests last month, compared to 26 for the same month the previous year.

The arrest breakdown by county:

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A public hearing to consider a request for an additional appropriation of \$150,000 will highlight the agenda of Monday's meeting of the Vigo County Public Library board.

The meeting begins at 7.5

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Main Library.

The board is seeking the transfer of funds from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund to meet costs of the auto-hetwork

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Library director Betty Martin is expected to report that the library's 1985 budget review is scheduled for 1:45 p.m., Monday, 1Sep 1984.

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Library board plans to appeal budget cuts

Vigo County library board members have scheduled a special meeting to authorize a formal appeal of budget cuts inflicted by

the Vigo County Tax Adjustment

Board.

The meeting will convene at 7 p.m. Monday in the main library, 1 Library Square, and the board will consider a single-item agenda.

Library director Betty Martin said the library had advertised an excess tax rate which the local review was obliged to cut to the state-authorized level.

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Patrons invited to join libraries in celebration

By Liz Ciancone Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

Pride in the ability to ferret out information needed by researchers or merely to satisfy individual curiosity is shared by all libraries as they ask the reading public to join them in celebrating National Library Week, today through Saturday, April 14.

Indiana State University's Cunningham Memorial Library has scheduled several public programs in observance of the week.

John Cole, executive director of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress will be guest speaker at an open meeting of the Friends of Cunningham Memorial Library at 2:30 p.m. today in Room B-45 of the CML. Cole will talk about the Library of Congress and its function as the nation's library and about his role at the center.

On Tuesday Elizabeth Bevington, owner and proprietor of Books Below, will talk about her experiences as a book merchant. The session begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Cordell Room on the third floor of the Cunningham Library.

The Library of Congress is the subject of a film to be shown at 7:30

p.m. Wednesday in Room B-45. The film takes viewers on a tour of the nation's library and its collections. More than 700,000 individual

More than 700,000 individual sources of information are at the command of Vigo County Public Library patrons.

Library patrons.

The library's collection of books, pamphlets, magazines, microforms, reference materials, newspapers and audiovisual items expands to nearly 10 million information sources thanks to the ability to tap into the collections of 3,000 other libraries throughout the nation.

Both the public library and ISU's library are in the vanguard of Hoosier libraries offering computer access to information in other libraries through membership in the Stone Hills Area Library Service Authorities and the Online Computer Library Center.

The public library also serves as a regional referral center for SHALSA, providing information for libraries in Parke, Putnam, Vermillion, Clay and Vigo counties. A similar regional center in the Monroe County Library, Bloomington, serves Greene, Lawrence, Sullivan, Owen and Monroe counties.

The Online Computer Center provides computerized data serving libraries both in this country and

abroad. Originally organized for the purpose of cataloging books and materials, member libraries discovered the same data base could be used for searching and requesting interlibrary loan materials.

Among the more interesting of recent searches involved a request for materials on old Nordic languages for a research paper and a request from a Putnam County engineer who has been granted several project patents on the basis of materials provided by the interlibrary loan staff at the public library.

The public library is celebrating its week in the spotlight by providing service as usual in all departments with special attention to the service provided by the reference department and SHALSA.

Southland Branch Library is taking advantage of the week to make Tuesday's story times a little special and perhaps encourage children to form the habit of reading.

All branches of the public library will offer displays of materials developed to spotlight libraries and library services this week with colorful bookmarks featuring comic book heroes and heroines as giveaways.



Library survey begins

If your telephone rings within the next two weeks and the caller wants to play a version of 20 questions, be assured it is a legitimate survey.

The Vigo County Public Library begins a citizen and user survey today with the help of telephone volunteers from a local civic organization. They want to know how library service can be improved.

"It's an effort to examine our assumptions about the community and find areas where we might need improvement." said Clarence Brink. chairman of the library's long-range planning committee which is conducting the survey.

Individuals entering the library will be given the "Library Users Survey" form. The eight-page questionnaire asks what brought the user to the library, what materials were used or checked out and any problems the individual may have encountered. The form also asks for any changes the user would like to see and includes a few personal — but general — questions. No names are asked.

The telephone survey is a bit more complicated, Brink said. Approximately 2,500 names were chosen at random and post cards have been sent to alert those individuals to the phone call to come. There has been a problem

about delivering cards to residents of rural Vigo County — the post office won't deliver without a box number — so citizens in rural areas may be taken by surprise to get the call, Brink said.

The phone survey will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All library branches are cooperating in the user survey, with the actual times staggered in an effort to get a cross-section of patrons' habits.

"We are looking for users and non-users. We want to know why they don't use the library — if they don't — and if they are satisfied with the services we provide," Brink said.

"This is just another link in the long-range plan. The past few years we have been involved in planning the new building and ironing out problems. Now we are ready to examine our service to the community," he said

community," he said.

Brink. director of reference services for the library, and library board member Patricia Smith are serving as co-chairmen of the long-range planning committee. The committee also includes Eva Hopp and Gene Vaughn as community representatives and library staff members Genevieve Reisner, Charlene Pierard and Diane Moore.

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Old photo negatives now on library microfilm

A microfilm index of 40,000 commercial photo negatives from the Martin Photo Collection is available for public use in the reference area of the Vigo County Public Library. The collection itself is housed at the Indiana Historical Society Library, Indianapolis.

The Martin Collection, which consists of 500,000 negatives and prints of life in Vigo County spanning a 70-year period, has been called a historical treasure of this century.

IHS officials said the collection

"represents a continuous history of the Terre Haute area from 1906 when Frank Martin opened Martin's Photo Shop at 681½ Wabash Ave., to 1976 when his son Kenneth closed the studio at the same location."

Kenneth Martin donated the collection to the IHS Library last March.

Microfilm listings of the negatives available at the Vigo County Library are arranged chronologically, beginning with the year 1921 and continuing to Jan. 1, 1949. Additional listings on microfilm will be announced as they arrive.

Individuals wanting to buy prints from the negatives may record the number from the register and write to: Tim Peterson, Head of Photographic Services, Indiana Historical Society Library, 315 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46202. Prints may be ordered by phone by calling Peterson at (317) 232-1879. Patrons planning to order prints at the IHS Library are

advised to phone in advance of their visit.

Orders will take from two weeks to 30 days for processing and delivery. Costs range from \$8 for non-profit use and \$16 for commercial use of the 8 x 10 inch size, to \$16 and \$32 for a 16 x 20 photo the largest size available.

Members of the Vigo County-Historical Society and/or the Indiana Historical Society will receive a 25 percent discount onprints.

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Noted storyteller urges teachers to introduce language to kids

By Liz Ciancone Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

Getting children hooked on language is the admitted goal of Bill Martin Jr., noted author, lecturer and storyteller.

Martin has been in Terre Haute all week, in conjunction with the 1984-85 Young Writers Conference, talking with children, parents and teachers about language.

· Sessions this week took third-grade children to the Vigo County Public Library, where Martin either read or related children's stories and involved the children in reading or dramatizing favorite stories. The bottom line has been to encourage them to express themselves through writ-

After a brief morning session with children Tuesday, Martin spoke with third-grade teachers dismissed early because of Election Day — and told them "Language can't be taught. It's learned by contagion. Children react to words, poems and stories they like. They love the familiar and can hear

favorite stories over and over again until they extract all the meaning then they are ready to discard the story.

He urged teachers to read aloud to children and to allow them to pick their favorite literature, to come to literacy through un-derstanding and possessing their

language.
"When children possess language, they come to love it," he said. "Language is learned best if it comes in an art form. Children respond to an art form - story, poem, drama — and an art form should be tucked into every classroom day.

Martin urged teachers to con-tinue to read to children to expand their knowledge and love of language. "Why not read science aloud?" he asked. "We need to read science and history so kids can see how that language works.

"Language is a way of passage," he concluded. "If we want the passage to be beautiful, children

must have a variety of options."

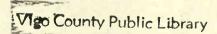
Martin will continue to conduct daily sessions for all third-grade students in Vigo County through



BILL MARTIN JR. Teaching language

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The right stuff

Last minute sorting and pricing is going on at the Vigo County Public Library in preparation for the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale Saturday, Nov. 24. Hard at work are, from left, Ruth Murray, Beth Brock, Daisy Bloodworth and

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Ted Cleavinger. The Friends refer to their first fund-raising effort as a recycling effort — the sale of old books will bring money to buy new books.

Library friends 'recycling' books. Library friends 'recycling' books

of the Library to find an appropriate fund-raising project for their new organization.

The group has set a book sale for 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the main library's garage.

"What we're doing is recycling pre-read books," said Marjorie Davis, vice president of activities for the group and sale chairman.

"We're taking books which have been donated to the library but which were not needed in the collection and those which have been pulled as no longer needed on

It didn't take long for the Friends the shelves, and we're recycling."

Funds raised from the sale will be used to purchase new books and materials. "We're trading old books for new," Davis said.

The sale will include literally thousands of volumes that the library staff has been putting aside for nearly a year in anticipation of the fund-raiser. Friends have been working for the past three weeks sorting and pricing the volumes.

Friends of the Vigo County Public Library was formally or-ganized this fall. The group's

stated purpose is to foster interest in and knowledge about library services, to focus public attention on services, facilities and needs, and to promote bequests and gifts of books and related materials needed for the collection.

James R. Brown is the group's president. Davis is one of two vice presidents; the other is Nina Babcock who is responsible for membership. Other officers include Jean Hollar, secretary; Jerri Redmon, treasurer; and Joyce Keenan and Eva Hopp, directors.

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REFERENCE DO NOT CIRCULATE New coordinator at Vigo Library meeting

Introduction of a new administrative coordinator and discussion of the Friends of the Library book sale Saturday are expected to highlight Monday's meeting of the Vigo County Library Board. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in

the lower level of the Main Library. Carolyn Rawles-Heiser will join the staff in January. She comes to Vigo County from Clinton where she has headed the Clinton Public

Library since 1980.

A native of California, she earned a bachelor of arts degree from Gonzaga University and her master of library science degree at Indiana University. She has been active professionally as a board member of the Stone Hills Area Library Services Authority and in the Indiana Library Association.

She has served as coordinator of the Let's Talk About It project for SHALSA and was a student representative to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services in 1979.

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Vigo Library gets (VCPL) some funds restored

The state Board of Tax Commissioners restored about \$70,000 to the Vigo County Public Library's 1985 operating budget Tuesday.

The Vigo County Tax Adjustment Board cut \$107,000 from the library budget earlier this fall, according to Betty Martin, library director. The cut was appealed to the state, which heard arguments Tuesday afternoon.

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"The bottom line is that we will have to revise our operating budget, but the state board restored all but \$37,000 of our original request," Martin said.

Library staff will review the 1985 budget to see where cuts can be made and will recommend a final budget for the board's approval, she said. she said.

The hearing Tuesday was the final opportunity to appeal the 1985 budget. Is NOV 2 1 1984

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Community Affairs File Library honors retiring members

Three Vigo County Public Library staff members that are planning retirement were honored at the library's annual Christmas party last Saturday at Adami's Restaurant.

Julia A. Thiede, technical services; Frances M. Wilson, switchboard operator, and Jean Hollar, supervisor of checkout services, were honored guests at the party.

Thiede joined the library staff in 1959 as a clerk-typist and was transferred to her current position as an order clerk in May 1960. She will receive a 25-year pin and a plaque for her years of service.

Wilson, who joined the library in February 1979, will receive a

february 1979, will receive a five-year pin.

Hollar retired last May after five years at the library. As a staff member she served on the Library Automation Task Force preparing for an automated circulation system at the library.

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system at the library.

In addition to the three retirees, several staff members were awarded pins in recognition of their years of service. Honorees included Marie Long, Dorothy A. Thomas, Sarah Beckley, Cheryl Blevens, Lois Harris, Betty Addison, Pam Etling, Mary Henderson, Rebecca Huggins, John Lasher, Diane Moore, Louise Winton, Mary Nasser and Carol Parshall.

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Discussion of staff wages and benefits will highlight Monday's meeting of the Vigo County library board. The session begins at 7 p.m.

in the main library

Also on the agenda is: consideration of a resolution regarding the use of the septic system on the property of the West Terre Haute branch library; policies governing public access to the library's microcomputer; and policiespertaining to hourly employees.

Clarence Brink is expected to issue a preliminary report on the results of the recently completed user survey and citizens' survey. He is head of the reference department and chairman of the library survey committee for the long-range planning committee.

Library Director Betty Martin is expected to announce a new convenience for library patrons who frequently use the copying machines at the library. Vendacards, priced at \$10, \$25 and \$50, will enable patrons to make multiple copies without feeding coins into the machine for each copy.
Martin said the \$10 card offers

convenience, but no saving over the per-copy cost. The \$25 card brings the price down to 8 cents per copy and the \$50 card makes the cost per copy only 5 cents.

A plastic card is issued at the time of purchase. It may be fed into the machine which automatically clicks off the number of copies being made so the user knows how many copies remain on the card. There is no expiration date, so the card may be used indefinitely.

The copy machines will still have the coin option available for occasional users, Martin said.

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Library adds computer for use by residents

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By Liz Ciancone Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

Hands-on experience with a computer is as near as the Vigo County Library.

An Apple IIe has been put in the library's Young People's Room, 1 Library Square. The computer will be available for use Monday through Saturday to all patrons.

A policy for use of the new computer was approved by the library's board of directors Mon-

Library director Betty Martin said use of the computer will be extended to all patrons with a valid library card "regardless of age, although we ask that those younger than fourth grade be accompanied by an adult."

The policy calls for individuals interested in using the computer to reserve time in half-hour or one-hour blocks up to a week in advance. The first reservation should be made in person, but subsequent reservations can be

made by phone, Martin said.

The library has about 20 computer programs available — some for novices — but cannot offer instruction. The librarian will show users how to turn on the computer and how to load the programs, and will keep records of computer expertise and program preference.

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The programs do not include games and there is no facility for storage or copying software.

storage or copying software.

In other business, the board approved an overall 6.15 percent salary increase for library staff and hourly employees. Board approval is contingent upon official resolution of the 1985 budget, Martin said. That approval is expected by the end of the month.

In reviewing the 1985 library budget, the state Board of Tax Commissioners ordered restoration of \$70,292 to the operating budget which had been cut by the Vigo County Tax Adjustment Board. The restoration carries a net tax rate of 41.5 cents for the operating budget and 7 cents for the bond fund for a total tax bite of 48.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY INFORMATION

What are Friends?

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Friends are a group of citizens in the community who have a common concern for their library's active expansion and participation in community life. They have a conviction that good library service is important to everyone.

Why is a Friends group being formed at the Vigo County Public Library?

The move to form a Friends group arose from the statement of needs presented to the VCPL Long Range Planning Committee by board, users and concerned citizens. The ever present "budget crunch" emphasizes the need for additional support in order to continue offering good library service. Friends can provide that support.

What will be the objectives?

Emphasis will be on:

- 1. Creating public support for the library program
- Having "friends making" activities (special programs)
- 3. Fund raising (such as a book sale)
- Encouraging gifts, endowments, and memorials for the library

Who can be a Friend?

Anyone who is interested in promoting the library.

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Position vacated by Johnston

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Brown appointed to library board

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James A. Brown, vice-president of Earl C. Rodgers & Associates, Inc., West Terre Haute, has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Vigo County Public Library Board of trustees, which will occur at the end of the this month, when Dave Johnston's term will expire, as reported in the Gazette last

Brown learned of his appointment last week and says he is anxious to serve.

week.

"I think it will be a learning process," said Brown, "and I want to be able to contribute to them in whatever way they need, by drawing off of my experience."

Brown's background is in the

construction industry. He received an Associate Degree in Architectural Engineering Technology from Sam's Technical Institute, Indianapolis, and also holds a Real Estate Salesperson license.



Jim Brown

He has been associated with Mr. Earl Rodgers since 1972. Some of his present responsibilities include estimating, cost analysis, field supervision and preliminary design studies.

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Brown, his wife Jan, daughter Monica and son Jason live in Westwood Subdivision and he said he is interested in what he can bring specifically to the west branch of the public library.

He is president of the Associated Building Contractors of Terre Haute, Inc., chairman of the Carpenters Education Fund and a member of the Ironworkers Apprenticeship Committee and the Terre Haute Downtown Rotary Club.

Brown is a native of West Terre Haute and a 1966 graduate of West Vigo High School. He is president of the West Vigo Merchants Association and a deacon at the Bethany United Church of Christ.

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Johnston ends ten-year tenure on library board Mucksville Gazette by Tammie Edington 6/30/87 Dave Johnston, member of the Vigo County Public Live There are films and cassette

Vigo County Public Library Board of Trustees, will be vacating his position, effective June 30, after a 10-year tenure, 6 years serving as treasurer.

Johnston has been a member of the board since its' inception in 1974. Prior to this time the public libraries were a part of the Vigo County School Corporation.

The purpose of the board, according to Johnston, is to set policy and administer funds. One of the main reasons for the board formation, he added was to obtain additional funds from tax money in the county.

During his time on the board, he has seen many changes. The largest project was the construction of the main branch on the site of the former Wiley High School.

Johnston, a lifelong resident of West Terre Haute and a 1955 Valley High School graduate, has been involved in changes in the branch west of the river at 626 W. National Ave.

Property was purchased west of the building on National from Honda and made into a parking lot. General remodeling has also been done and Johnston indicated that the land immediately east of the building has been purchased, but no plans have been made for its use at the present time.

Johnston has been employed by the First National Bank in West Terre Haute for 29 years. He is presently assistant vice-president and loan officer.

Enjoying his time on the board, Johnston said, "We have been very fortunate to have had people who have not only served, but shown an interest.

He said he regrets that more people do not use the services that the library has to offer.

Community Affairs File "There are more than books. There are films and cassette tapes, and other audio-visual equipment which various agencies individuals should take advantage of," said Johnston.

Mrs. Betty Martin, director of the county libraries, said "Dave was a very conscientious board member and was treasurer and very needed at the time we were going through the building project. He was always interested and concerned about the future of the board."

Since Johnston is not submitting his name for reappointment on the



board, he said he desires to see someone from west of the river replace him.

Appointments to the board in Vigo County are filled in the following manner: three selected by the school board, two by the county commissioners and two by the city council.

Those persons who feel that they may be qualified to fill this position may contact Mrs. Martin at the main branch.

Johnston and his wife, Bernice, live in Westwood subdivision and have two children, Jason and Lisa, both graduates of West Vigo High School.

Local libraries get historical papers from local DAR chapter

Three gifts have been made to three libraries by Fort Harrison Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in honor of Virginia Cuppy Shriner, a member since 1926 who has 12 Revolutionary War soldiers established as her eligibility for membership.

One of the primary objects of the DAR is to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the American Revolution and the publication of its results; by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots.
Dr. Walter O. Shriner

(1895-1979), faculty member and head of Indiana State University's math department before his retirement, had collected much valuable genealogical research material on his own and his wife's family genealogy.

Following his death, their daughter, Martha Belle McAuliffe of San Diego, Calif., edited and

published his book, "The Shriner-Cuppy Genealogy." A limited edition of a supplementary volume will be published next year.

Several boxes of Dr. Shriner's research information on allied family lines not included in the books was turned over by his widow to local genealogist, Dorothy J. Clark. The correspondence, charts, privately published family accounts, copies of wills, deeds. vital records, including Bible re-cords, were carefully scanned for duplication and degree of interest to other reseachers.

Many of these lines came from Pennsylvania, moving into Ohio, and settling in Indiana and Illinois. With the cooperation of the Vigo County Public Library, it was decided to make two photocopies of the Shriner Collection on acid-free paper as required by the DAR Library in Washington, D.C., and the local library. The original will be placed in the Genealogy Division, Indiana State Library, in Indianapolis.

Over 50 reams of acid-free paper were used in the copying task, according to Nancy Sherrill, head of the Vigo County Public Library Special Collections.

Two metal filing cabinets were purchased to house the gifts. The local DAR chapter has underwritten all expenses amounting to over \$1,300 for the project. The VCPL has furnished the expertise and

photocopying work

Researchers will be able to find information on the families of Plasterer, Betz, McClelland, Marts, Reed, Stark, Phillips, Gano, Brittain, Reeder, Brown, Purcell, Koser, VanCleve, Benham, John, Evans, Cuppy, Hibbs, Lloyd, Steele, Bridges, Johnston, Gehr, Snyder, Buffington, Hendrickson, McCombs, Ribble, Looney, Wiley, Garrett, Martindale, Early, Steele and Armstrong

The local DAR chapter members believe these gifts to the three libraries help carry out the injunc-tion of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge..."

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DAR presents gifts

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The Fort Harrison Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution underwrote the expense of the genealogical research material project of the Cuppy-Shriner families recently presented

to three libraries. Pictured are, seated, Mrs. Walter O. Shriner, Mary Sherrill, Mrs. Wayne T. Bradfield; standing, Zoe Carpenter, Dr. Wiliam C. Shriner and Dorothy J. Clark.

Library, Meadows still at odds

Wait extended one month

By Liz Ciancone Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

Eastside library patrons will have to wait at least one more month. with the Vigo County Public Library Board in a holding pattern pending a lease agreement with owners of the Meadows.

All estimates on necessary electrical and plumbing modifications are in hand. Betty Martin, Vigo County Public Library director, said Monday. The old shelving is also ready for refinishing and the selection of new furnishings is under way, but board attorney Guille Cox cautioned board members that the library is a government entity with different obligations than other tenants and cannot expend any money on renovation until the lease is signed.

Martin also advised the board on the status of Project CIRC, the automated circulation system.

Alice Wert, coordinator of technical services for VCPL, will serve as project coordinator. Martin said no bill would be received until all contracts for member libraries Community Affairs File have been signed and returned. Evansville is expected to be the first site developed.

Equipment for the Vigo County library's computer cluster should be ordered by fall, Martin said, with the library to be on-line by spring.

As the library enters a fully automated circulation system, Martin called for a revision of the library's "Collection Development Statement" to reflect new concerns of individual privacy, challenged materials, freedom of access to information and related issues.

Eastside branch remains on hold

Action on an eastside branch library remains in a holding pattern, according to Vigo County Public Library Director Betty Martin. The library cannot spend public money on remodeling facilities at The Meadows until there is a signed lease in hand, she said.

Martin said she would seek a face-to-face meeting with Joseph Cloutier after the first of June in an attempt to resolve the lease issue. Cloutier, who represents The Meadows, was kept busy with Indianapolis 500 activites and no meeting had been scheduled as of Thursday.

Eastside library patrons have been without a library branch since March 1983 when owners of Meadows Center terminated the library's lease during remodeling of the center. The library's mediamobile has been the only service available in the east side area, and that only from 2 to 6 p.m. Fridays.

The library board sought other suitable quarters for an eastside library, but decided Meadows offered the most accessible location. In anticipation of an increase in rental, the 1984 budget included money for that purpose which has been untapped.

At the May meeting of the library board Monday, David Johnston was presented with a plaque in recognition of his 10 years of service as a board member.

Johnston, Route 11, Terre Haute, was first appointed to the library board by the circuit court judge in 1974 when the library board was created as a separate entity from the school board. The separation of the two boards enabled Terre Haute to move from city to county-wide library service. Johnston has served continuously since his initial appointment and was instrumental in the renovation of the West Terre Haute Branch Library.

In a letter to the library board, Johnston said that he would not be reappointed when his current term expires on June 30. Under a new system adopted by the General Assembly in 1983, the circuit court judge no longer has the power to appoint a library board member. That responsibility has been delegated to the County Council which will appoint Johnston's replacement.

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Books collecting dust ap at new Eastside library To the editor: Community Affairs

What has ever happened to the Eastside Library Branch?

Supposedly we were going to have our branch at the first of the year. Now there is no more news of it.

Is the hold-up due to the library board, attorney, landlord - or are all three dragging their feet? Is there anything your paper can do to hurry it up? we would love to have our branch back.

-Carol Pulliam -RR 31, Terre Haute

EDITOR'S NOTE: We contacted Betty Martin, director of Vigo County Public Library, as we have regularly on this subject, and she advised us that hegotiations for suitable space at the Meadows are continuing. She said she hoped to be able to ennounce in March that an agreement has been reached.

Eastside branch library may be near fruition

By Liz Ciancone Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

Eastside residents may be getting their own branch library in the near future, according to a write-in item in Monday's library board meeting agenda.

A branch library at the Meadows was closed March 31, 1983. Since that time, eastside library users have been served through weekly Mediamobile visits or through other library locations.

Library director Betty Martin told the board that preliminary preparations have been under way to ready a new site in the newly remodeled Meadows. But, she cautioned, "we cannot begin remodeling without a lease."

Martin said a single lease would apply to all tenants at the Meadows and the library had agreed on the points to be covered. However, no form lease has been drawn up.

"Most tenants are operating without a lease," she said, "but we operate with public funds and can't do that."

Martin said the board has had estimates on carpeting and plumbing modifications and has arranged to refinish shelving and identified furniture for purchase. In the absence of a signed lease, plans are pending and Martin said that realistically it would be late summer before the branch could be officially

opened.

In other business, the board:

• Signed formal application for state funds. The General Assembly annually appropriates money for public libraries in partial compensation for the absence of participating in revenue-sharing monies. Vigo County's library realizes between \$22,000 and \$25,000 annually.

• Agreed in principle to the formation of a "Friends of the Library" organization. Eva Hopp, community representative on the Tong Range Planning Committee, reported that April 29 — the fifth anniversary of the library in the present building — has been tentatively set as the organizational meeting.

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Eastside library stays at bay without lease

Status of an eastside library branch at the Meadows is still on the minds of library board members, but it's too early to plan

for a grand opening.

Board member Patricia Smith inquired at Monday's library board meeting about the status of negotiations for a lease, but learned that no news is not good

Meadows librarian Charlene Pierard reported that all shelving has been refinished and "all is ready on our end," but in the absense of a signed lease, the tax-supported library cannot make a move.

Library director Betty Martin said she hopes to have more definite information by the October

meeting.
The Meadows branch's lease was terminated at the request of the owners when remodeling of the center began. There has been no eastside library branch since March 1983, although area patrons have been served by a weekly Modiamebile stop. Mediamobile stop.

In other business, board members approved renewal of the interlibrary loan and reference referral service contract and an application for reciprocal borrow-

ing funds.
An additional appropriation of \$150,000 from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund to meet start-up expenses of the automated cluster network service was approved.

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New directory of groups 1985 offered by Vigo Library

What's your interest? Model railroads? Dolls? Gardening? Genealogy? How about medieval culture? Everything from the practical to the esoteric is listed in the new edition of the "Directory of Voluntary Clubs and Organizations in Vigo County" at the Vigo County Public Library.

Now available free of charge at all library agencies, the directory includes a listing of more than 400.

Now available free of charge at all library agencies, the directory includes a listing of more than 400 clubs and organizations currently active in Vigo County. Information includes the name, mailing address and telephone number of a contact person for each organization, according to Genevieve Reisner, group services librarian whose office compiled information for the new directory.

All clubs are listed alphabetically

All clubs are listed alphabetically and there is a cross-reference index so readers may locate an organization by a key-word reference — aeronautics, health, religious, political.

Also included is a listing of nearly 40 interest, service or support groups not organized to the extent of electing officers. Because of the loose structure, no contact person for these groups is listed, but information about them is available through the Group Services Office. Reisner said.

Services Office, Reisner said.

Also omitted in the directory is information about social service agencies — Salvation Army or Lighthouse Mission for example — churches or lodges, councils or federations made up of representatives from other groups (which may be listed), or revolving or self-perpetuating self-governing boards.

Organizations included must have a voluntary adult membership with elected or appointed officers meeting at least once each year in a general membership session.

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Vigo library closes May 17 for institute

The Vigo County Public Library board has approved a proposal to close the library May 17, so that staff members can participate in the 1985 staff institute, "In Search of Excellence."

At Monday's board meeting, library director Betty Martin discussed plans for the institute, which will be the first general program for library staff members since September 1983.

Genevieve Reisner, director of group services, and her committee interviewed most library staff members asking which subjects would further educational interests

and professional needs.

Participants will examine the internal structure of the library and staff relationships with each other and with the community.

All sessions will take place at the library, 1 Library Square.
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Library offers data base for Community Affairs File state legislation Library Library offers data

The Vigo County Public Library has established a microcomputer database that provides citizens with a subject index of every bill in each house of the Indiana State Legislature. By consulting the index library patrons now have access to the status of all bills in the General Assembly both by bill number and by subject.

The database also keeps a record of the legislative activities of the eight area legislators: Senators William Dunbar, James Monk and Edward Pease; and Representatives Lee Clingan, Robert Hellman, William Roach, John Thomas and Wendall Laverne Tincher.

The library also subscribes to the Daily Legislative Service Guide published by Indiana State the Chamber of Commerce. It is a brief digest of each bill and a record of action taken on it. The Legislative Directory contains pictures, biographical data and committee assignments for each member of the legislature and top state officials.

The Legislative Report, also available at the library, is a newsletter issued periodically during the session of the General Assembly containing the latest developments in the legislature and a preview of questions expected to arise during the session. The Report sometimes treats an important subject in depth.

At the end of the session, the library will receive the Digests of All Laws which offers digests of all the bills macted into law.

These services are atalk ble at the Reference Department.

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Martin Photo Collection of microfilm index now available at Library

The Vigo County Public Library has received reels two and three of the microfilmed index to commercial negatives from the Martin Photo Collection, now housed at the

Indiana Historical Society Library.

The Martin Collection, according to IHS officials, "represents a continuous history of the Terre Haute area from 1906, when Frank Martin opened Martin's Photo Shop at 681½ Wabash Ave., to 1976 when his son, Kenneth, closed the studio at the same location." The collection, which in its entirety consists of 500,000 negatives and prints of life in Vigo County, spanning 70 years, has been called a "historical treasure of this century." Kenneth Martin donated the collection to the IHS Library in 1984.

The first reel of the index covers the period from 1921 to January 1, 1949. Reels two and three cover the period from January 1949 to September 1975. All the reels are available for public use in the Reference Department of the

main Vigo County Public Library.

Persons wishing to purchase prints from the negatives may do so by recording the number from the index and writing to Tim Peterson, Head of Photographic Services, Indiana Historical Society Library, 315 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Those wishing to order prints by phone should call Peterson at (317) 232-1879.

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Non-conventional communities focus of two-day conference ("Builders of the Dawn: making and for establishing

"Builders of the Dawn: Alternative Communities Yester-day and Today" will provide an eye-opening look at non-conventional communities during a two-day conference Friday and Saturday.

The conference, sponsored by Indiana State University and the Vigo County Public Library, will open with a lecture/slideshow at 8 p.m. Friday in S200, Tirey Memorial Union. An overview of 30 alternative communities established in America today will be offered, along with an historical comparison with those of the 1800s and the 1960s.

Corrine McLaughlin and Gordon Davidson, co-founders of Sirius Community in western Massachusetts and co-authors of "Builders of the Dawn: Community Lifestyles in a Changing World,"

are the speakers.

On Saturday, McLaughlin and Davidson will conduct workshops at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., "Creating a Sense of Community," in the Vigo County Public Library. Practical ideas and techniques will be offered to create a sense of community in the city, the suburbs or the workplace. Guidelines for puilding communities, for resolving

onflict, for consensus decision-

making and for establishing cooperative businesses will be suggested.

Other sessions Saturday will feature two scholars known for their work in examining national historic communal societies.

At 9 a.m. Edward Spann, professor of history at ISU, will discuss "Indiana's Utopian Communities and Historical Tradition." Donald Pitzer, professor of history and director of the Center for Communal Studies at ISU-Evansville, will speak at 9:45 a.m. on "Indiana's Utopia Legacy and the Uses of Communal Tradition."

Other experts from the university and the Terre Haute community will serve as resource persons.

McLaughlin and Davidson are organizers of the New England Network of Light, a network of more than 60 communities and groups meeting quarterly for notices and property of the communities and groups meeting quarterly for the communities and groups are the communities and groups are the communities and groups are the communities are communities and communities and communities are communities and communities are communities and communities and communities and communities are communities and communities and communities are communities and communities and communities are communities are communities and communities are communities are communities and communities are c

mutual support.

They have co-authored numerous articles for publications such as Mother Earth News, Esquire and In Context. They also have appeared on national television shows and on "Conversations from Wingspread" on National Public Radio.

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Once upon a time ...

Soft and cuddly in their pajamas, Ethan Rayburn, Jodi Hoffman, Katy Phillips, Kristi Boatman and Aaron Shipman seem to agree, "There's nothing like a favorite story before going to sleep ... " Pam Etling shared a story

with the children recently in preparation for Pajama Storytime during the Week of the Young Child, an annual celebration sponsored by 4-C (Community Coordinated Child Care for the Wabash Valley).

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Pre-schoolers will dress up for library 'Pajama Storytime'

As part of the annual celebration of the Week of the Young Child, area pre-school children are invited to dress in their favorite, "most comfortable" night clothes for "Pajama Storytime.

Verla Riggs, publicity chairman for the Week of the Young Child, said bedtime stories will be featured from 7 to 7:30 p.m. March 18 and March 21 in the Vigo County Public Library, Seventh and Poplar Streets; March 19 in the West Terre Haute Library; and March 20 in the Southland Branch of the Vigo County Public Library.

Riggs said parents should telephone 232-1113 for reserva-

tions for their children.

The Children's Fair March 16 at Honey Creek Square will launch the celebration, sponsored by 4-C (Community Coordinated Child Care for the Wabash Valley).

Clubs, organizations and support groups focusing on children will set up booths in the mall to share information about services available in the community for children.

Entertainment will be featured on the stage. Clowns will stroll through the mall presenting balloons to youngsters.
Riggs explained, "The Children's

Fair provides an opportunity for

area residents to learn what is going on in Terre Haute for children.'

Highlight of the week will be "Storybook Live" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 23 in Centenary United Methodist Church, 301 N. Seventh St. Visits with storybook characters, nutritious snacks, games and crafts will be featured during 45-minute tours. Parents are invited to visit a bake shop.

Tickets cost \$2 in advance and \$2.50 at the door. No fees will be charged for adults. Tickets are available at the 4-C office, 619 Washington Ave.

Let's talk' Ogilvy's 'Confessions' focus of VCPL program

David Ogilvy's "Confessions of an Advertising Man" will be the topic of the second session of the Vigo County Public Library's "Let's Talk About It" program at 7 p.m. Monday at the library's main branch.

Margaret Gray, curriculum chairman with the Vigo County School Corp., will present a review of Ogilvy's ideas and show slides of some of the famous and re-cognizable ads for which he is responsible.

Ogilvy has been called "the creative king of the advertising world," Gray said. "It is likely that we have all been persuaded to buy something as a result of his copy. Do you remember the man with the eye patch wearing a Hathaway shirt?"

"Confessions of an Advertising Man" describes how the business Ogilvy founded with \$6,000 in 1949

Ts MAR 1 7 1985 has become the fourth larget advertising agency in the world with 1,600 clients in 40 countries.

"The author is not only a successful ad man, but also a witty and controversial personality, Gray said. "He loves his work, but he is not afraid to be honest about and even critical of modern advertising. Politicians, he believes, should not be allowed to advertise. His book offers the reader an inside view of how advertising operates."

Gray's talk will be followed by a group discussion focusing on the field of advertising: what an advertising man does, how he is successful at it, what ads have proven to be effective, and what reforms should be made.

For information about attending the discussion call the library at 232-1113.

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Thousands borrowing VCPL films

By Martin Jasicki
Entertainment Editor
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Since initiating a new videocassette loan program 15 months ago, the Vigo County Public Library has seen thousands of people swing through its doors in search of classic and recently released feature length films which are free for the asking.

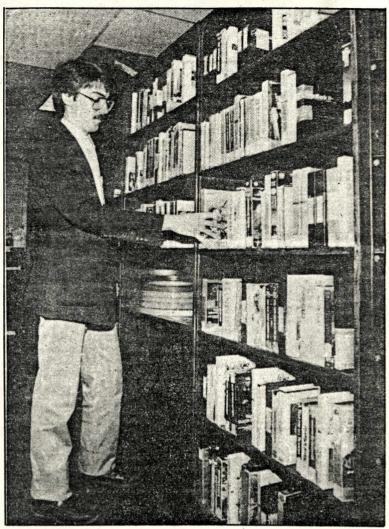
Anyone older than 18 who owns a current Vigo County library card is eligible to take out two cassettes from an evergrowing catalog of 220 titles in the collection. The cassettes—all on VHS format—are loaned over a 24-hour period. (On weekends they can be borrowed from Saturday to Monday at noon.)

Dan Kerns, assistant in audio visual services, said that due to the large demand of the videocassettes there are no extensions or renewals. The cassettes are for home use only.

All of the titles are entertainment-oriented, he said, noting that many recent popular or critically acclaimed films are among the offerings, including "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Tootsie," "Terms of Endearment" and "Mr. Mom." Classic films such as "The African Queen" and "Bridge on the River Kwai" are also available.

Kerns said there is also a large selection of titles for children, like "The Black Hole," "The Black Stallion" and programs featuring Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck.

"Usually it's best to reserve the videocassette you desire," he warned, referring to persons who might expect the movie they desire to be available on the day they want it. "The titles are listed in a general catalog, and in a separate listing of what's available the day a



Growing selection: Kerns picks out film from collection

patron comes into the library."
The videocassettes are
available in the audio visual

1 Library Square.

Even though newer film releases have a greater appeal, Kerns said all of the titles are popular.

department of the main library,

Betty Martin, library director, said in the first 10 months of the videocassette program 10,000 titles were circulated.

"I think the program has attracted a different audience who may not have used the library before," she said.

Martin added that loaning videocassettes has been adopted

by a number of libraries as a natural outgrowth of eight- and 16-millimeter film loans.

"It tends to be more of a leisure or recreation collection, akin to library fiction and paperback book collections."

She said the process of selecting what films to include in the catalog is the same as it is for selecting books — checking reviews and monitoring the films' popularity.

Kerns said occassionally there is a problem of patrons not returning the cassette on time. "But usually people have been good... they understand the loan process."

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Librarians to attend meeting

Twelve members of the Vigo County Public Library will attend the sixteenth annual May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture on Tuesday, April 16, at the Indiana Memorial Union, Indiana University.

Attending will be Cheryl Blevens, Clarence Brink, Elaine Liveoak, Carolyn Rawles-Heiser, Genevieve Reisner, Carol Sutherland, Pam Etling, Bonnie Wallace, Alice Wert, Debbie Long, Carol Parshall, and Jane Margason.

The May Hill Arbuthnot Lecture honors an outstanding contributor to children's literature. This year's lecture will be given by Australian writer Patricia Wrightson, author of "The Ice Is Coming", "Dark Bright Water", "Journey Behind the Wind", and "A Little Fear."

"The New York Times Book Review" has said of Wrightson, "Just when you decide there are no new stories to be told, something utterly new comes along to refresh your viewpoint. I think it would not much matter what Patricia Wrightson wrote about;

her work is special for the quality of the writing alone."

Her lecture will be titled "Stones Into Pools."

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Pocket diary details how physician helped Lincoln

A scrapbook of old newspaper articles in the Vigo County Public Library tells of the discovered diary of the physician who attended the

mortally wounded Lincoln.
Dr. Charles S. Taft was at the theater and witnessed the events which ended with Lincoln's death. He was one of the first physicians to reach the wounded president, was present at Lincoln's death and helped perform the autopsy, according to the article. A record of those events was discovered in a pocket diary.

According to Taft's notes, he and his wife arrived at the theater at 8 p.m., about 30 minutes ahead of Lincoln's party. From Taft's seat, he could see Mrs. Lincoln and another woman in the same box.

"At about 10:30 p.m., my attention was directed toward the president's box by the report of a pistol, and I saw a man drop from the state box, shouting as he did so, 'Sic

semper tyrannis!'
"As he struck the stage he partly fell, sinking down until his knees nearly touched the floor; he sprang to an erect posture in an instant, brandished a large knife which he held in his right hand for about the space of three seconds, then darted across the stage with the knife held above his head and disappeared."

Taft responded to persons shouting for a surgeon, leaping upon the stage. From there he was lifted to the state box in which Lincoln's party had been seated.

"When I entered, the president was lying upon the floor sur-rounded by a number of men, who were about lifting him to remove him. Some were advising his removal home; this measure I opposed, stating that I was an army surgeon and wished him to be removed to the nearest house."

Taft found another surgeon in the house, a man supporting Lincoln's head. Lincoln was carried to the house across the street where they tended him.

"I called for brandy and after a few minutes had elapsed a quantity of brandy was brought, which I diluted and gave the president a teaspoonful of. He swallowed it, but with much difficulty.

"I afterward gave another teas-poonful, which caused so much strangulation that I gave no more, except after the arrival of Dr. Stone, when, at his suggestion, I put half a teaspoonful between his lips, but it was not swallowed, and nothing more was ever put between his lips.

"I remained there until he died, engaged during a greater part of the night in supporting his head so that the wound should not press upon the pillow and the flow of blood be obstructed." — Kathy

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Tribune-Star/Jim Avelis Readers: Baraka and Kathy Burks check out book.

Library packed for Friday session

By Liz Ciancone Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

It really was a grand finale for National Library Week.

More than 1,000 children,

parents, teachers, principals and bedazzled citizens crowded both the upper and lower levels of the Vigo County Public Library on Friday afternoon while the library staff and schools recognized and

rewarded young writers. The project began last November with a series of programs by author Bill Martin, who encouraged children to write, to express their thoughts, to communicate. Since then, third-grade children in the county schools have kept their best writing which was bound into books. The books were part of the special reception Friday, displayed for parents and devotees of writing.

The library staff seemed a bit overwhelmed at the response, but so did the school staff. Nina Babcock and Millie Vaughn were delighted at the success of the project.

Library director Betty Martin said they had anticipated about 200 to 250 children and adults and were going to conduct the reception and the program in the downstairs meeting rooms.
"When the schools called and

said they had more than 900 responses, we began to think big,' Martin said.

The brief program, originally planned for the downstairs dais, was broadcast on the library's public address system so everyone could hear. Children were com-mended by Vaughn, coordinator of Chapter 1 programs for the school corporation; Marilyn Blakely, director of elementary education; Lowell Anderson, president of the Indiana State University chapter of Phi Delta Kappa education honorary; Janine Petty, thirdgrade teacher at Dixie Bee School; and Martin.

Then came the big moment for eight young authors. They got to read from their books.

Student authors/performers included Patrick Browne and Clay West, students of Marion Svendsen, Riley School; Shawn Stevens and Jason Zinkovich, students of Vernice Rogers, Franklin School; Dana Marlowe and Kevin Hoffman, students of Karen Wright, Meadows School; and Sarah Paauwe and Ryan Perkins, students of Katherine Tuberosa,

Terre Town School.

"It's really a wonderful way to end National Library week," Martin said.

The final tally of guests for the literary gala was 1,053.



Tribune-Star/Dave Delaney

Books discussion group finds favorable response

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By Dave Delaney Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

A books discussion course has just ended at the Vigo County Public Library and if reactions of particapants is any indication, another one could follow.

In an anonymous survey conducted after the two-month course, "Let's Talk About It," comments were favorable:

"It was an excellent series," said one of the 32 participants. "Let's do it again soon."

"I enjoyed reading the books I otherwise might not have read," said another. "I also enjoyed meeting and learning from the other group members.

The series, which was free and sponsored by the American Library Association, was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The group met at the library every two weeks throughout March and April where they heard a speaker give a 45-minute lecture on that week's book. The audience then broke into discussion groups of approximately eight people each to discuss the material in that particular book.

Books discussed were "Growing Up" by Russell Baker; "Confessions of an Advertising Man" by David Ogilvy; "Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller; "The Professor's House" by Willa Cather and "Working" by Studs Terkel.

"Let's Talk About It" was conducted throughout the Midwest. In Indiana, Terre Haute was one of 12 libraries in which it was offered. Others in the area included Greencastle, Clinton, Sullivan and Spencer.

"We have tentative plans to start another group this fall," said Genevieve Reisner, VCPL

group services librarian in

charge of planning the program.

The follow-up questionnaire showed the majority of participants enjoyed reading the five books and the accompanying lectures, while also benefiting from taking part in the discussions.

Most of those taking part were women between 36 and 55 years old. All had attended a college or university.

Four group leaders led the discussion groups, one of whom was Brucie Boggs. "I thought this was a very positive activity," she said. "I think the people in the committee of the committee in the community are eager for this type of thing... It's a lot better than watching TV."

The local library has startd up two Great Books Discussions Clubs. "Both have been going on for over a decade," said Reisner, adding that both clubs haven't taken any new members years.

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Computer publications

on file at Vigo Library

Two microcomputer-related publications
now are available in the Vigo County

Public Library reference department.

"Software Reviews on File" is a monthly
summary of computer software reviews
that have been printed in more than 150
different publications. More than 200
reviews, condensations and summaries of reviews, condensations and summaries of the newest software programs are featured in each issue.

in each issue.

It also includes the price, particular specificatons, publisher's description of the program and hardware requirements.

The library's subscription to "The Educational Software Selector" was a gift from the Wabash Valley Computer Society.

It is a guide to what educational software is available for specific microcomputers. It covers more than 100 subjects ranging from accounting and astronomy to trigonometry and world history.

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The Vigo County library board is seeking a legal opinion on whether construction-fund money can be used to bankroll an

automated circulation system.

Board members during a meeting Monday asked attorney Guille Cox to get a response from Indiana Attorney General Linley Pearson on using construction-fund money or whether the money must first revert to a library interest-redemption fund.

Board members contend that funds for the system will be spent from a general budget category for construction and equipment. Cox's job will be to determine whether the attorney general defines the automated system as "equipment."

In other business, the board agreed to discretize the liberary and agreed to discretize the liberary and agreed to discretize the liberary and agreed to discretize the liberary agreement.

discontinue the library's art print collection for circulation and approved an organizational restructuring triggered by

recent retirements and resignations.

Library director Betty Martin told the board that use of the art print collection had been declining steadily and that costs of adding to the collection have convinced staff members that money might best be spent elsewhere.

Martin said patrons using the collection would be given an opportunity to purchase prints. She added the Vigo County School Corp., and St. Mary-of-the-Woods College would be given a chance to review the collection for items useful to them.

Library offers popular talk program again

Area citizens will again be offered an opportunity to participate in a nationwide program, "Let's Talk About It," for discussing such topics as making a living.

The Vigo County Public Library, which is offering the program, was one of 12 libraries participating in the pilot program last season, library director Betty Martin said. Last year's pilot program offered

discussion series. Vigo County participants chose America at Work.

This year six program themes are offered with the local choice and dates for the sessions still to be determined.

Choices include Making a Living, Making a Life: Work and Its Rewards in a Changing America;

three themes for the five program 1982ing Ethnic, Becoming American: Struggles, Successes, Symbols; The Way We Were, The Way We Are: Seasons in the Contemporary American Family; What America Reads: Myth Making in Popular Fiction; Not for Children Only (an adult perspective on children's books), and Individual Rights and Community in America.

Five paperback books related to

each theme have been selected for discussion. Each group meets for five sessions, one to consider each of the theme books. A scholarpresenter provides background on the author and the book. Experienced leaders direct group discussions.

Genevieve Reisner, director of community services, is program coordinator.

Can't Tell A Book By Its Cover by Howard Stevens (UCP)

"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed and some few to be chewed and digested." Francis Bacon.

Bacon wrote that line long ago, but, according to Terre Haute book lovers, a lot of unusual items are found between the covers of your best read books. Elizabeth Bevington, 77, loves books and 27 years as a librarian and rare book dealer, has not dimmed her love of books.

"I have found \$20 bill in books and all sorts of insects. I am not surprised at anything I find in books," Bevington, who runs her own out-of-print book service, suggests.

A woman who works with books every day at the Vigo County Public Library, Alice Wert, coordinator, technical services, says almost any item that can be tucked into a book is. She says she has found a variety of book markers, moths and old bills between the covers of books circulating back into the main library.

"I once found a laundry list, personal notes and butterflies pressed into the pages of books. It seems readers use the first thing that comes into their reach for marking their places in books and then they forget to remove them before returning the book," she notes.

Librarian Charlene Pierard says she once found a certificate of deposit

lining the pages of a book. She says it was returned to the owner. It was not a small certificate and the owner was glad to get it back.

"All sorts of goodies fall out of books. Readers write poetry, notes to friends and intimate messages that I am sure would embarrass them if they were made public," Mrs. Pierard admits.

Another library worker, Mrs. Barbara Wheeler, says doodlers who write in the margins of books are particularly thoughtless.

"It not only damages the book, it distracts the next patron. Mystery readers are bad at this," she cautions

Letters, photographs and personal messages, if they have identification, are returned to owners if they can be reached through the City Directory or the telephone book. Many are treasured by owners and an attempt is made to return them.

"Most, however, have no real value and we simply remove them. They just clutter up the book for the next patron," Mrs. Wert says.

Can't tell a book by its cover?

"Look inside," Bevington advises.

"The identity of the last user might be right where you least expected it."

Shakespeare must have had the poor librarian in mind when he wrote: "Hath not fed of the dainties that are bred in a book."

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Library branch sought again

By Liz Ciancone T 9 JUL 1 5 1985
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

A report on a citizen survey, an application to participate in a statewide youth services database and a resolution requesting a legal opinion on using more than \$60,000 in construction funds highlighted a Vigo County Library board meeting Monday.

meeting Monday.

No budget figures for 1986 were presented, but are expected to be ready for a special meeting Monday when the board is to approve budget proposals and advertising tax rates.

Preliminary results of a telephone survey conducted last fall show respondents favor opening an eastside library

branch, long-range planning committee chairman Clarence Brink said. A Meadows branch has been closed since

A Meadows branch has been closed since April 1983 and negotiations have failed for establishing a facility at either the newly renovated Meadows or another eastside location.

Library director Betty Martin told the board that the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute has offered a \$150,000 grant to the Indiana Computerized Library Services Association to develop a statewide youth services database.

youth services database.

Vigo County is looking into being one of 10 libraries selected for the project to begin this fall

this fall.

If selected, the VCPL would get a computer for use in the project and for anything else the library wants.

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Dunkin, Fenton get Vigo Library positions

George E. Dunkin and William L. Fenton have been reappointed to four-year terms on the Vigo County Public Library board.

Public Library board.

The Vigo County school board, which has three of seven appointments to the library board, reappointed the two men at a meeting Monday.

Dunkin was a member of the original library board named when the school board and library board

became separate entities in 1974. His reappointment Monday is the last term he is eligible to serve.

Fenton was first appointed in 1983 to complete an unexpired term of Rick Kassel.

The third school-board appointee is Patricia Smith whose first term expires July 1986.

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Your byte-size public library Library staff keeping you up to date

At least once a month Editor Richard Roth drafts what he calls an "Editor's epistle" to our newsroom staff.

In the latest edition he commented on the series of columns I'd written about Indiana's first Congresswoman Virginia Jenckes.

Roth observed that in developing that series I had to rely heavily on the yellowed clippings from a variety of newspapers. He noted how I had quoted someone from the Louisville Courier-Journal, Susan Lennis from the Indianapolis Star, someone from the North American Newspaper Alliance and the Tribune-Star's own Liz Ciancone.

Roth said he kept wondering what Susan Lennis might be thinking if, by chance, she also was

reading my series.

Did Susan Lennis do her best on that article back in 1969? Was she thorough? Absolutely accurate? Did she read and re-read her copy before she handed it to the copyboy (gosh, Richard, we had copy 'girls' where I worked in 1966!)? What did the copy editors do to the copy? Did they make any changes that significantly affected the tone, the facts or the inferences of the story?"

Roth posed all these questions and reminded us of what the late publisher of the Washington Post, Philip Graham once said about newspapering: "it's the first rough draft of history."

"We're making something that

Wake-up call



veteran newswoman whose credits include three years as city editor of The Tribune-Star, Kaufman now writes daily on this page about life and those who live it inthe Wabash

By Susan J. Kaufman Tribune-Star staff columnist.

will last forever - and forever our names, individually and collectively, will be stamped on it," Roth concluded.

Never did all of that make such an impression on me as recently when I visited with the reference librarians at the Vigo County Public Library.

For many years now the library has been clipping articles from our newspaper and putting them into a file called the Community Affairs file.

Their system is an excellent resource for reporters, writers and researchers of the Wabash Valley and beyond.

But now the computer age has come to the Vigo County Public

Library.

Reference librarians Melinda Belles, Gail Hatfield and Judy Morge have been daily storing all of the local and regional news in The Tribune-Star onto computer where it can be accessed instantaneously by hungry researchers.

Everything in our paper is crossindexed in four categories, begining with editions from March 18 up through this time — give or take a day or two for inputting the latest

information.

"We've got some great people working on this," Library Director Betty Martin told me. In fact Judy and fiance Bob Watson, the computer expert from communications services, make "dates," not to go to the movies, but to work on the files. the reference crew tells me.

That crew of folks, who make my work so much easier in their many assists to research, have a fine

sense of history.

Because they're there, and because I share a belief with our editor that what we write here daily is important. I have a much closer appreciation for the importance of what Philip Graham

And I'll read my own copy even more carefully before I send it down the telephone lines to our computer, which is neither male nor female!

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Vigo citizens make good use of public library facilities Figures compiled during a telephone survey conducted last fall reveal that Vigo County citizens make good use of their they have not respondently and although they have not respondently they have not respond

citizens make good use of their public library, with 56.5 percent of county residents library users.

That figure compares favorably with a national average of about 33 percent, according to Clarence Brink, head of the reference de-partment and chairman of the library's long-range planning committee which conducted the survey.

The telephone survey was part of a three-pronged study of county library usage habits undertaken to determine areas of strength and weakness in library service. Future services will be built around the needs and interests of the area.

A random sample of 1,016 citizens age 18 to 75 was called by volunteers from a local service organization. That's the number actually reached, Brink said. It does not include no-answers, outof-service numbers or contacts where the individual answering the phone refused to respond to

they have not been thoroughly analyzed, Brink said it was not too soon to make some assumptions.

The facts reveal that 98.5 percent of those interviewed are permanent residents of Vigo Coun-

The average library user has had at least a high-school education and 43.4 percent have had some education beyond high school — in a vocational or technical school, college or university. Not surpris-ingly in a city with four post-secondary colleges and several post-secondary vocational schools, 20.6 percent of the respondents have college degrees, baccalaureate or above.

Reflecting the fact that Terre Haute has an older population, 54 percent of those responding to the questionnaire were 45 years old or older and 23 percent were over 65

cern library services. Nearly 56 percent of respondents using library services has obtained information from the library, either in person or by telephone, during the past year. Nearly 13 percent make weekly visits to the library and another 21 percent said they go to the library at least once a month.

Nearly 66 percent visit the library one or more times a year.

The main library is the most frequently used facility with 58.5 percent making it the facility of choice. Other popular facilities are the Plaza North branch and the Southland Center branch

The Meadows branch, closed for nearly 17 months, is missed by eastside patrons. In an open-ended question, "Can you suggest one change or addition in library services, facilities or policies which would most increase your satisfaction with the Vigo County Library system?" respondents overwhelmingly voted for a new eastside The bulk of the questions con- branch. 0

Library's proposal

wins quick approval
No public comment Monday
night on the proposed 1986 library budget led to quick approval to proceed with plans to request \$2.5 million to keep the library in the

black next year.

The request marks a 21-percent increase over last year's rate. Library director Betty Martin pointed out the request will be reviewed and possibly lowered by county and state tax-review bodies.

The proposed budget will be formally adopted at a special meeting Monday in the Main

The budget asks for \$2.1 million for the general operating budget and \$389,088 to meet bond and

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Lending trend baffles director of Vigo County Public Library A new feature of the monthly of children's manufacture (WV)-VCPL Community Affeirs File

A new feature of the monthly meeting of the library board is a summary report of lending and facility services provided by the library.

During July, a total of 69,297 books, circulating films, magazines and equipment were lent. More than half the total, 38,571 items, was in the form of catalogued books. Uncatalogued paperback books accounted for another 20,855 items.

Library director Betty Martin said July was becoming one of the library's busiest months, but could not account for the trend.

"We've noticed a steady trend both in circulation and reference for the past several years," she said. "We don't know whether that's because of summer school, more family reading or the number of children's programs scheduled."
Martin said the increase was
taking place in spite of the Sunday
closing during summer months.

The greatest number of requests for equipment loans is for 16mm motion-picture projectors. Martin reported 57 requests. The library also lends audiotape player-recorders, filmstrip projectors, slide projectors and projection screens.

Another brisk business is done in supplying books for the reciprocal borrowing service (597 items), interlibrary loan (379 items), and city-county jail service (160 items).

During July, 185 meetings were conducted in the Main Library's meeting rooms, with 3,374 people attending. Information and reference requests and research logged 6,216 answers.

Meadows branch, out of service for more than 17 months, has been replaced by South branch as the most frequently used branch. North branch, West branch and the Mediamobile follow.

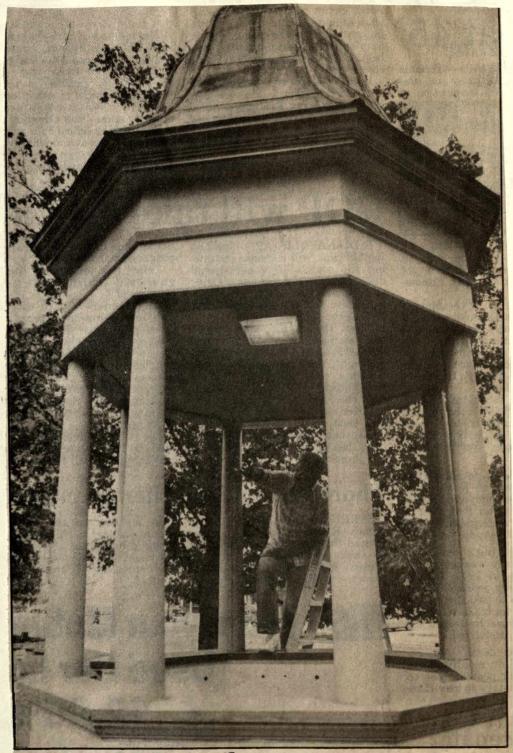
Martin said the staff was pleased with response to a Mediamobile stop initiated this summer at the Indiana State University Family Housing Complex on South Third Street.

"We hadn't thought of a stop that close to the Main Library, but initiated the stop in response to a request," she said. "In only six stops so far this summer, we are averaging more than 200 items circulated during the one-hour stop. We are obviously meeting the needs of the families of international students at ISU."

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New look for old structure

Dan Campbell, a library employee, puts a fresh coat of paint on the gazebo at the Vigo County Public Library, Seventh and Walnut streets.

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The gazebo was the cupola atop Wiley High School, which was razed in the early '70s to make room for the library.

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Vigo Library believes reading is important

The Vigo County Public Library is the only agency in the Secommunity concerned with life-long reading — from preschool children through adult.

"The library believes that if reading is to be an important and enjoyable part of a person's life, it must begin early, said Carol Sutherland, young peoples librarian.

Accordingly, the library offers story hours directed to 3- and 4year-olds hoping to develop an appreciation of language and listening skills and to a love of the written word.

Summer reading programs encourage elementary school students to continue reading during summer vacation.

In an effort to involve the entire family in reading, the library

sponsors Pajama Story Time during which parents are encouraged to come with their children to story readings at the library

Children's Book Week in the fall, cooperation with the Reading is Fundamental program in the summer and the Young Writers Conference this past spring are other library efforts to get children involved in reading.

Adults are not forgotten. The VCPL provides a staff liaison, materials and space for the Altrusa Reading Project, it cooperates with the Wabash Valley Reading Council and provides materials for individuals interested in getting their GED diploma or working for better vocational opportunities.

To sharpen critical reading skills, the library sponsored "Let's Talk About It" this past spring, a book discussion program built around a common theme. The program will be offered again this fall and will carry the theme "Not For Children Only," during which adults will read and discuss classics of children's literature. "The program will end during Children's Book Week," Sutherland said, "and is an effort to involve members of the entire family in taking an interest in reading."

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Vigo library 1986 budget rises to \$2.1 million; tax rate up 50¢

The Vigo County Public Library Board of Trustees on Monday adopted a general operating budget of \$2,160,528 for 1986.

Of the total, \$1,885,569 is to be raised through property taxes. The tax rate to raise the money would be 49.87 cents per \$100 of assessed property value.

The library board also approved \$399,354 for bond and interest payments, of which \$334,085 is to be raised through property taxes, and the rest from money from the last six months of this year. The tax rate for bond and interest

payments would be 8.83 cents per \$100 assessed, bringing the total library tax rate for 1986 to 58.70 cents per \$100 assessed.

Fiscal actions by the library board will be reviewed and possibly lowered later this year by county and state tax-review bodies. The library also may appeal reductions.

The library board also voted to participate in developing a statewide youth services computer database. The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute has offered the Indiana Coperative Library

Services Authority a \$150,000 grant to develop the database. The Vigo County Public Library would be one of approximatley 10 libraries participating in the project, slated to begin next month. No local tax money is required for the Vigo County participation.

"The use of the computer would not be restricted to the youth services directory and could be used to build as complete a directory of human services resources as possible," according to a report to the board from Betty Martin, library director.

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